

## Resource Action Identification Form

**1. Name of Proposed Resource Action:**

- a. Name of proposed Resource Action: Cultural Interpretive Center at Foreman Creek

**2. Proposed Resource Action – Please describe and include the following:**

- a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical: This proposed action is to reconfigure the present use of the Foreman Creek area into a Native American repatriation and burial site of approximately 200 acres for the individual and respectful reburial of human remains taken out of the ground primarily during the studies prior to dam construction. Possible contemporary burial use at Foreman Creek is to be determined at a later time.

Additional reconfiguring of the recreational use at Foreman Creek would be as a trailhead for hiking and biking. If utilized as an educational complex or Maidu Cultural Interpretative Center, this site would provide adequate protection for other culturally sensitive resources in this area.

A Maidu Cultural Interpretation Center might also serve as a place for cultural teaching classes such as making baskets, native plant use, dance, etc. Such a center might be partially supported by a gift shop. Operation of the center could include part-time personnel by local tribal groups or manpower programs.

Foreman Creek could also serve as a place for historical interpretation of early ranch life in Butte County, Jim Beckwourth and his explorations, the Indian Trail of Tears in Butte County, and so forth.

- b. Any physical or operational changes:

☒ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ Unknown

If Yes, Please explain: The proposed reconfiguration of the recreational uses would involve reburial of Native American human remains, creation of new trailheads, and possible construction of a Maidu Cultural Interpretive Center.

- c. Proposed start date and duration

Start (month/yr): As soon as possible. Reburial has been desired for a long time.

Duration (month(s)/yr(s)): Permanent

- d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)

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☒ Inside    ☐ Outside    ☐ Don't know

Please specify possible location(s) referring to the linked map (<http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate: At Foreman Creek.

- e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate: Other Resource Actions proposed by members of the Cultural Resources Work Group include CRWG1 (Relocate Car-Top Boat Ramp), CRWG5 (Close Foreman Creek), CRWG23 (Protect Sacred Ancestral Sites and Relocate Car-Top Boat Ramp), CRWG30 (Establish a Cultural Center/Museum/Curation Facility).

☐ Unknown

- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s): Reburying repatriated human remains, developing a cultural center and providing trail access at Foreman Creek would all indicate the success of this resource action.

☐ Unknown

- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action: Dedication of approximately 200 acres at Foreman Creek for repatriation and a Maidu Cultural Interpretive Center would impact existing recreational uses. A substantial source of funding would be needed for the construction and maintenance of the cultural center.

☐ Unknown

- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

☒ Land Use and Management  
☒ Recreation & Socioeconomics  
☒ Cultural Resources  
☒ Engineering and Operations  
☒ Environmental

**3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:**

- a. Organization name: Cultural Resources Work Group
- b. Preparer's name, phone number and e-mail address: Adrian Smith, smithoro@shocking .com
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- d. Date prepared: 10-21-03; revised 02-11-04
- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: CRWG

***Please fill out the following questions to the best of your ability, understanding that you may not have this information or it may not be available.***

**4. Resource Goals:**

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate: This resource action addresses a number of Cultural Resources goals oriented toward the protection of significant cultural values and maximizing the public benefit of those resources. Specific Resource Goals include:

C02.01 – Evaluate the needs (i.e., project effect, significance of resource) and methods to provide protection of cultural resources;

C02.02 – Emphasize the protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lie beneath the reservoir);

C02.03 – Develop special protective measures for “high-risk” situations (e.g., sites exposed to potential damage during reservoir drawdowns or through recreational activities);

C02.04 – Establish areas to be used primarily for historical preservation purposes (e.g., historical areas, traditional use areas, repatriation locations);

C04.02 – Maximize the public benefits of the heritage values (cultural, archaeological, and historical) present in the project area;

C04.03 – Emphasize the appropriate access to and availability of cultural resources knowledge and information to the local community;

C04.05 – Develop appropriate local facilities for curation, education, interpretation and study of cultural resources.

☐ Unknown

- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal:  
Reconfiguration of recreation opportunities would further these goals by protecting existing cultural resources at Foreman Creek in addition to allowing limited recreation and providing educational opportunities for the public.

☐ Unknown

**5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing**

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s): CRE4, CRE7, CRE17, CRE20, CRE23, CRE27, CRE66

☐ Unknown

- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address:  
The Foreman Creek area is currently open to the public with few restrictions; which has resulted in damage to cultural resources. This Resource Action strives to limit recreational activities that damage sites while also providing public access and developing educational opportunities.

☐ Unknown

- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to:  
Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (Office of Historic Preservation 1997, with update for 2000-2005)

☐ Unknown